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SU 726692 is not in the English language. SU 726692 discloses a protecting mask that has a body with a part restricting the space under the mask. The upper part of the mask has an air conducting channel (11, 12) to connect with the source of air and the lower part of the mask has a vent (4) to allow the gases to escape the mask.

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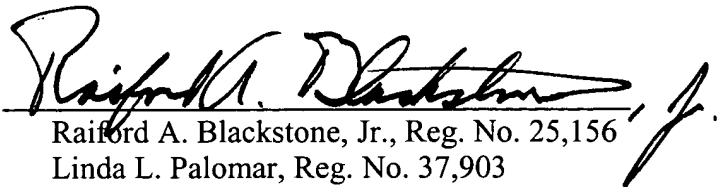
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